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Mr. Charles Stevenson  
Washington Editor  
The Reader's Digest  
1300 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Thank you very much for your warm letter of 28 September.  
I am most appreciative of your kind comments concerning my work  
during the past several years.

I am confident that the whole-hearted cooperation of  
The Reader's Digest with the CIA during my directorship of the  
Agency, both on the Pleasantville end and particularly with you  
and your Washington staff, has been of great national benefit.

I shall be delighted to lunch with you and Ken Gilmore in  
the private dining room of the Mayflower. Colonel Grogan will  
accompany me and we then can discuss some probable future articles  
that would be in the national interest. The time and date of the  
luncheon can be arranged with Col. Grogan.

With kind personal regards,

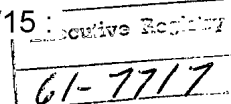
Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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## THE READER'S DIGEST

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CHARLES STEVENSON, *Washington Editor*

1300 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

Washington 6, D. C.

September 28, 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a believer in your approach to our intelligence problems, I was chagrined to hear over last night's news radio program that you are leaving the organization over which you have worked so long and hard in the face of domestic political obstacles over which you had no control.

However, your impending departure, I think, makes it all the more desirable--if you can see your way clear--for us to get together at the earliest time convenient to you. It is our hope that at that time you will help us map out some possible articles that would benefit our common cause.

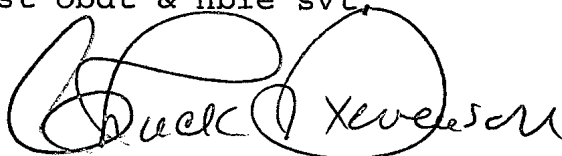
I phoned your office yesterday afternoon and asked that a message to this effect be relayed to you, so this is merely to add emphasis. As I told your secretary when I called, I would have gotten in touch directly with Colonel Grogan except that he is on leave. It is my hope that you will be able to join me at lunch, at which I'd like to have just one member of my staff, Kenneth Gilmore, although whether this is advisable I would leave up to your decision. I do have great confidence in Colonel Grogan's advice and judgment, and if you see fit and if he is back in town, I would of course be happy to see him at our conference. Instead of dining up at the Cosmos Club, I thought we might have more privacy if we went down to a private dining room at the Mayflower. However, if there is some place you would rather that we get together--with or without the moment of leisure that goes with a lunch--that'll be okay by me.

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I hope you'll let us know as soon as convenient  
when we can get together.

Till then,

Yr mst obdt & hble sv't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Buck Xeverson". The signature is enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
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